

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10–12, 14, and 16–23 are pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and Claim Amendments

Claims 2, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 2 and 6 to remove this ground of rejection. Consequently, applicants respectfully submit that these rejections should be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments and others in claims 16 and 20 to correct informalities do not narrow the scope of the claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 18, 21 and 22 stand rejected as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,324,836 (Müller). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because Müller fails to teach a compound having only one acid group (relevant to claim 18) or a process comprising blending, preparing, or dissolving an addition salt from or of a tetrahydrofolic acid ester (relevant to claims 21 and 22). Consequently, applicants respectfully submit that these rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments should be entered because the rejections were not made previously in the prior action and the amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

Specification Objections

Applicants have amended the specification to remove the terminology “satisfy” or derivatives thereof. Consequently, applicants respectfully submit that these objections should be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully request that the Office in their next paper acknowledge receipt of the priority documents from the International Bureau.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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